<u>REMARKS</u>

The present application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated

December 27, 2007. Claims 1, 6, and 16-24 are presented for examination, of which Claims 1,

6, and 24 are in independent form. Claims 1, 6, 16-18, 20-22, and 24 have been amended to

more clearly define aspects of Applicant's invention. Favorable consideration is respectfully

requested.

Claims 1, 6, and 16-24 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated

by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0022662 (Hosoda), as set out at pages 2-5 of

the Office Action. Applicant respectfully submits that independent Claims 1, 6, and 24, together

with the claims dependent therefrom, are patentably distinct from Hosoda for at least the

following reasons.

Claim 1 is directed to a data processing method that is executed in an information

processing apparatus for performing a data process based on delivery data transmitted from an

external information processing apparatus. The method includes a reception step, an activation

step, a judgment step, an issuance step, a second judgment step, and an execution step. In the

reception step, the delivery data transmitted from the external information processing apparatus

is received. In the activation step, a program corresponding to the delivery data received in the

reception step is activated. In the judgment step, it is judged whether or not first data is included

in the delivery data, by analyzing the delivery data received in the reception step. In the issuance

step, an event notification is issued indicating that the first data is included, in a case where it is

judged in the judgment step that the first data is included in the delivery data. In the second

judgment step, it is judged whether or not a process corresponding to the event notification has

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been registered in the program activated in the activation step. In the execution step, in a case where it is judged in the second judgment step that the process has been registered, the process is executed, and, in a case where it is not judged in the judgment step that the first data is included in the delivery data, the process is not executed.

A notable feature of Claim 1 is that the process is executed by the information processing apparatus based on the delivery data received from the external information processing apparatus. By virtue of this feature, it is possible to easily customize a process to be executed by the information processing apparatus, such as, for example, an operation of an application program already installed in the information processing apparatus.

Hosoda discloses an image recording apparatus that is equipped with plural holding units (paper discharge openings). According to Hosoda, a host computer registers a discrimination name to each of the plural paper discharge openings of the image recoding apparatus. Then, the host computer transmits a print job to which the discrimination name has been designated to the image recording apparatus. After a print process ends, the host computer notifies a mail address, which has been registered to the paper discharge port together with the designated discrimination name, of the end of the print process. In short, Hosoda teaches that the image recording apparatus receives print data from a host computer, performs a process (a print process) corresponding to the received print data, and sends a notification by e-mail after the process ends.

However, Applicant submits that Hosoda does not disclose or suggest a second judgment step of judging whether or not a process corresponding to an event notification has been registered in a program activated in accordance with delivery data transmitted from an

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external information processing apparatus, nor does Hosoda teach or suggest an execution step of executing the process based at least in part on whether the process has been registered. It is respectfully submitted that Hosoda is silent regarding these features.

Nothing in Hosoda is believed to teach or suggest a data processing method that is executed in an information processing apparatus for performing a data process based on delivery data transmitted from an external information processing apparatus, in which the method includes "a second judgment step of judging whether or not a process corresponding to the event notification has been registered in the program activated in the activation step," and "an execution step of executing the process in a case where it is judged in the second judgment step that the process has been registered, and of not executing the process in a case where it is not judged in the judgment step that the first data is included in the delivery data," as recited in Claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant submits that Claim 1 is not anticipated by Hosoda and respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

Independent Claims 6 and 24 include features similar to those discussed above in connection with Claim 1. Therefore, Claims 6 and 24 are believed to be patentable for at least the reasons discussed above. The other rejected claims in the present application depend from Claim 1 or Claim 6 and therefore are submitted to be patentable for at least the same reasons. Howeer, because each dependent claim also is deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, individual consideration of the patentability of each claim on its own merits is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration and allowance of the present application.

No petition to extend the time for response to the Office Action is deemed necessary for this Amendment. If, however, such a petition is required to make this Amendment timely filed, then this paper should be considered such a petition and the Commissioner is authorized to charge the requisite petition fee to Deposit Account 50-3939.

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